

Key Stage 4 Option Process

THANKS FOR COMING TO OUR OPTIONS PRESENTATION.

THIS WILL COVER THE PROCESS FOR YOU TO MAKE YOU CLEAR OF WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

Overview

Over the next four months, starting from the Look to the Future Fair, we will guide students and parents through the options process supporting them in making informed choices of the subjects they will be studying in years 10 and 11



We aim to provide strong information, advice and guidance throughout the options process, ensuring that all our students feel fully informed regarding their choices



Qualifications Available

GCSE's

- Courses are assessed at the end of Year 11
- Assessment is though external examination
- GCSE grades range from 1-9, with 9 being the highest grade awarded. A grade 5 is classes as a 'strong pass'.

Btec Level 2

- Skills-based learning and are designed around themed units
- Students are assessed through a mixture of examination and portfolio of assignments
- Units may be examined or completed throughout Years 10 and 11.
- BTEC grades awarded are Pass, Merit, Distinction and Distinction*.

Old GCSE grades	New GCSE grades	Level 2 Btecs
A*	9	Distinction*
Α	8 7	Distinction
В	6	Merit
С	5 Strong Pass 4 Standard Pass	Pass
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Е	3	L1 Distinction
F	1	L1 Merit L1 Pass
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A rich curriculum that provides

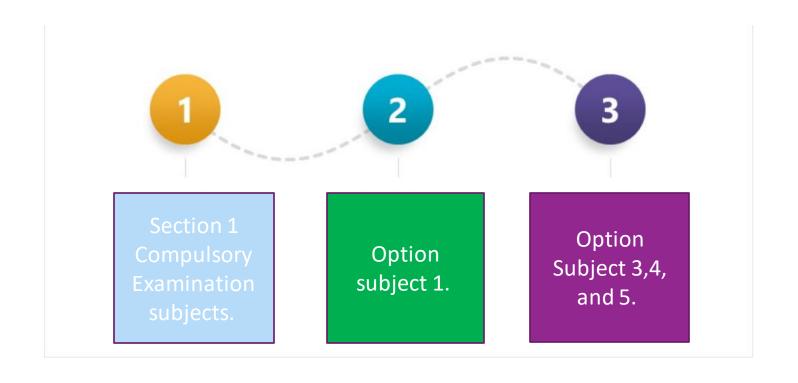
- Love of learning
- Strengths and interests
- Future aspirations
- Opportunities
- Broad and balanced
- Personalised

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At Plympton Academy we have a 3 step process.

This has been colour coded in the leaflet to make this easy to navigate.



A 3 step process



1. Compulsory Subjects:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Combined Science



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2. Option Block 1 Subjects

(At least one From):

- Geography
- History
- Spanish





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3. Option Block 2 Subjects

(Choose Three From):



- Geography
- History
- Religious Studies
- Spanish
- Art & Design
- Photography
- Computer Science



- 3D Design
- Information Technology

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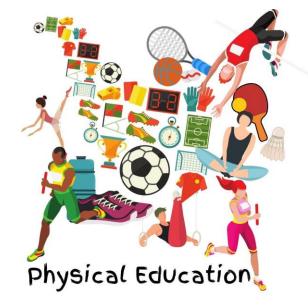
- Performing Arts (Dance)
- Engineering
- Health and Social Care
- Food Technology
- Music
- Performing Arts (Drama)
- Sport and Recreation

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- 4. Non-examination Subjects
 - Physical Education
 - Careers and Work-Related Learning
 - Personal, Social & Health Education (PHSE)









Advice and Guidance

- RESEARCH the subject fully
- Keep a BALANCE of subjects
- FORGET what your friends are doing
- CHOOSE subjects you enjoy and provide opportunities
- LISTEN to advice
- READ the course guide and subject course guide carefully
- Ask QUESTIONS



Key Dates

24th November Look to the Future Fair

19th January Parent's Evening

> February/ March Additional Interviews

23rd March
Tutor Evening
(Options Deadlines)

March/April
Processing
Options

April/May
Options
Confirmed